

The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Ted Stevens, Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Durenberger-Leahy Amendment, providing a supplemental appropriation of \$50 million to help improve the security of U.S. facilities overseas, would permit the Intelligence Community to move expeditiously on several needed initiatives. The Soviet intelligence services continue their efforts to penetrate American installations and subvert U.S. personnel.

The Soviets are pursuing their objectives aggressively, through well-trained specialists, employing the latest state-of-the-art devices and techniques. Our ability to counter their activities must be strengthened. There are projects and equipment which can be funded quickly to upgrade our defenses against hostile technical penetration. The \$50 million can be used effectively and well.

I fully support this urgently needed supplemental appropriation and ask your committee's favorable consideration of it. It will enable us to begin at once to enhance our countermeasures against a grave threat to American security abroad.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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